

Members and staff of the Senate, means reasonable expenses for food, lodging, or transportation which are incurred by a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate in connection with services provided to (or participation in an event sponsored by) the organization which provides reimbursement for such expenses or which provides the food, lodging, or transportation directly. Necessary expenses do not include the provision of food, lodging, or transportation, or the payment for such expenses, for a continuous period in excess of 3 days exclusive of travel time within the United States or 7 days exclusive of travel time outside of the United States unless such travel is approved by the Committee on Ethics as necessary for participation in a conference, seminar, meeting or similar matter. Necessary expenses do not include the provision of food, lodging, or transportation, or the payment for such expenses, for anyone accompanying a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate, other than the spouse or child of such Member, officer, or employee of the Senate or one Senate employee acting as an aide to a Member.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title IX, §901, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1778; Pub. L. 101-280, §8, May 4, 1990, 104 Stat. 162; Pub. L. 102-90, title III, §314(c), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 470.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 102(a)(2)(A) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B), is section 102(a)(2)(A) of title I of Pub. L. 95-521, as amended. Section 102 was classified to section 702 of this title prior to the general amendment of title I of Pub. L. 95-521 by Pub. L. 101-194, title II, §202, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1724. Title I of Pub. L. 95-521, as so amended, is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section 107(2) of title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-521), referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(B), was classified to section 707(2) of this title prior to the general amendment of title I of Pub. L. 95-521 by Pub. L. 101-194, title II, §202, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1724. Title I of Pub. L. 95-521, as so amended, is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, and the definition of “relative” is contained in section 109(16) of Pub. L. 95-521.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(1)–(3), redesignated par. (2) as (1), substituted “in any calendar year aggregating more than the minimal value as established by section 7342(a)(5) of title 5 or \$250, whichever is greater” for “having an aggregate value exceeding \$300 during a calendar year”, and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate, or the spouse or dependent thereof, shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts having an aggregate value exceeding \$100 during a calendar year directly or indirectly from any person, organization, or corporation having a direct interest in legislation before the Congress or from any foreign national unless, in an unusual case, a waiver is granted by the Select Committee on Ethics.”

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(2), (4), redesignated par. (5) as (2) and, in subpar. (B), substituted “\$100 or less, as adjusted under section 102(a)(2)(A) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978” for “less than \$75”. Former par. (2) redesignated (1).

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(5), redesignated subpars. (B) and (C) as (A) and (B), respectively, and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “the term ‘foreign national’ means a person acting di-

rectly or indirectly on behalf of a foreign corporation, partnership, or business enterprise, a foreign trade, cultural, educational, or other association, a foreign political party, or a foreign government;”.

Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(1), (2), redesignated par. (6) as (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “In determining the aggregate value of any gift or gifts accepted by an individual during a calendar year from any person, organization, or corporation, there may be deducted the aggregate value of gifts (other than gifts described in paragraph (5)) given by such individual to such person, organization, or corporation during that calendar year.”

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(1), (2), redesignated par. (7) as (4) and struck out former par. (4) which read as follows: “For purposes of this subsection, only the following shall be deemed to have a direct interest in legislation before the Congress:

“(A) a person, organization, or corporation registered under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act of 1946, or any successor statute, a person who is an officer or director of such a registered lobbyist, or a person who has been employed or retained by such a registered lobbyist for the purpose of influencing legislation before the Congress; or

“(B) a corporation, labor organization, or other organization which maintains a separate segregated fund for political purposes (within the meaning of section 441b of this title), a person who is an officer or director of such corporation, labor organization, or other organization, or a person who has been employed or retained by such corporation, labor organization, or other organization for the purpose of influencing legislation before the Congress.”

Subsec. (a)(5) to (8). Pub. L. 102-90, §314(c)(2), redesignated pars. (5) to (8) as (2) to (5), respectively.

1990—Subsec. (a)(5)(D). Pub. L. 101-280, §8(1)(A), struck out subpar. (D) which read as follows: “from an individual who is a foreign national if that individual is not acting; directly or indirectly, on behalf of a foreign corporation, partnership or business enterprise, a foreign trade, cultural, educational or other association, a foreign political party or a foreign government.”

Subsec. (a)(6)(A) to (C). Pub. L. 101-280, §8(1)(B), added subpar. (A) and redesignated former subpars. (A) and (B) as (B) and (C), respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-280, §8(2), substituted “or child of such Member” for “of a Member” and struck out “(and 2 nights)” after “of 3 days” and “(and 6 nights)” after “or 7 days”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Section 314(g) of Pub. L. 102-90, as amended by Pub. L. 102-378, §4(c), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1358, provided that:

“(1) The amendments made by subsections (b) through (f) [amending this section, section 505 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-521, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and section 7701 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code] shall take effect on January 1, 1992.

“(2) The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-521, set out in the Appendix to Title 5] shall take effect on January 1, 1993.”

[Amendment by Pub. L. 102-378 to section 314(g) of Pub. L. 102-90, set out above, effective Dec. 31, 1991, see section 9(b)(1) of Pub. L. 102-378, set out as an Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note under section 6303 of Title 5.]

§ 31a. Repealed. Mar. 2, 1955, ch. 9, § 4(b), 69 Stat. 11, eff. Mar. 1, 1955

Section, acts Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title VI, §601(b), 60 Stat. 850; Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 521, title VI, §619(d), 65 Stat. 570, related to expense allowance for Senators, Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioner.

§ 31a-1. Expense allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate; expense allowance of Majority and Minority Whips; methods of payment; taxability

Effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, the expense allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate are increased to \$40,000 each fiscal year for each leader: *Provided*, That, effective with the fiscal year 1983 and each fiscal year thereafter, the expense allowance of the Majority and Minority Whips of the Senate shall not exceed \$10,000 each fiscal year for each Whip: *Provided further*, That, during the period beginning on January 3, 1977, and ending September 30, 1977, and during each fiscal year thereafter, the Vice President, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, the Majority Whip, and the Minority Whip may receive the expense allowance (a) as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred upon certification and documentation of such expenses by the Vice President, the respective Leader or the respective Whip, or (b) in equal monthly payments: *Provided further*, That effective January 3, 1977, the amounts paid to the Vice President, the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Majority or Minority Whip of the Senate as reimbursement of actual expenses incurred upon certification and documentation pursuant to the second proviso of this section shall not be reported as income, and the expenses so reimbursed shall not be allowed as a deduction, under title 26.

(Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 79; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 109, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 95-355, title I, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 98-63, title I, § 101, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 333; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, § 1(b)(1), (c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, § 13(a)(1), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3171.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on the three provisos in paragraph under heading “Expense Allowances of the Vice President, Majority and Minority Leaders and Majority and Minority Whips” in the appropriation for the Senate in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Pub. L. 95-26), and section 109 of the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1978, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978 (Pub. L. 95-94), and subsequent acts cited in the credits to this section.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447 substituted “\$40,000” for “\$20,000”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-7 substituted “\$20,000” for “\$10,000” and “not exceed \$10,000” for “not exceed \$5,000”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

1983—Pub. L. 98-63 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each Whip to \$5,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1983 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$2,500 each fiscal year for each Whip, effective Apr. 1, 1977.

1978—Pub. L. 95-355 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each leader to \$10,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for each leader, effective with fiscal year 1977 and each fiscal year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, § 13(c), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3172, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section, section 32b of this title, and provisions set out as a note under section 32b of this title] shall apply to fiscal year 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, § 1(f), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 349, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section, sections 31a-3, 31a-4, and 32b of this title, and section 111 of Title 3, The President] shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

§ 31a-2. Representation Allowance Account for Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate

(a) Establishment; purpose

There is hereby established an account, within the Senate, to be known as the “Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders”. Such Allowance Account shall be used by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to assist them properly to discharge their appropriate responsibilities in the United States to members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

(b) Payments; allotment; reimbursement for actual expenses; taxability

Payments authorized to be made under this section shall be paid by the Secretary of the Senate. Of the funds available for expenditure from such Allowance Account for any fiscal year, one-half shall be allotted to the Majority Leader and one-half shall be allotted to the Minority Leader. Amounts paid from such Allowance Account to the Majority or Minority Leader shall be paid to him from his allotment and shall be paid to him only as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by him and upon certification and documentation of such expenses. Amounts paid to the Majority or Minority Leader pursuant to this section shall not be reported as income and shall not be allowed as a deduction under title 26.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) not more than \$20,000 to the Allowance Account established by this section.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, § 197, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 350.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

§ 31a-2a. Transfer of funds from representation allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to expense allowance; availability; definitions

(a) The Secretary of the Senate shall, upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, transfer from any available funds in such Leader’s allotment in the Leader’s Representation Allowance (as defined